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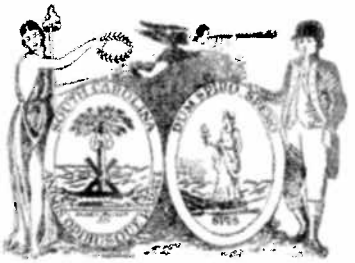

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2014-20

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to include the Health Information Technology for Economic Clinical Health Act of 2009, which set forth a plan for advancing the appropriate use of health information technology to improve quality of care and establish a foundation for health care reform; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2009-15 established the Interim Governance Committee (IGC) for the purpose of recommending strategies and policies to successfully implement and sustain a statewide Health Information Exchange, known as the South Carolina Health Information Exchange (SCHIEx), the development for which the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Grant was awarded; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Research and Statistics at the State Budget and Control Board developed the IGC, which, in lieu of the General Assembly creating a permanent governing body to sustain a statewide Health Information Exchange, selected a non-profit governance structure, known as the South Carolina Health Information Partners (SC-HIP), to operate a secure health information exchange for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported to me that the IGC has fulfilled the directives set forth in Executive Order 2009-15 and that the ARRA grant is set to close March 14, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina and the United States, I hereby release the Interim Governance Committee from any further responsibilities related to the operation of South Carolina's statewide Health Information Exchange and hereby

declare that Executive Order 2009-15 is canceled, rescinded, and from this date declared null and void.

This order takes effect immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State